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In the claims

1.   (currently amended) A method comprising:

         installing software on a computer for a device to be connected to the computer; and,

~~performing one or more actions selected from the group of actions essentially consisting of:~~

————   while installing the software on the computer, suppressing an automatic installation mode for the device initiated by an operating system of the computer, ~~without user interaction,~~ upon the device being connected to the computer prior to the software being completely installed on the computer, by detecting and closing a window related to the automatic installation mode faster than a user is capable of perceiving the window, ~~and,~~

————   ~~after installing the software on the computer, instructing a user to connect the device to the computer and initiating the automatic installation mode for the device without having the computer rebooted.~~

2.   (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein installing the software on the computer comprises [[a]] the user manually initiating installation of the software.

3.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein installing the software on the computer comprises a user inserting a removable computer-readable medium into the computer, insertion of the media causing installation of the software.

4.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein suppressing the automatic installation mode comprises:

         detecting a new window;

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determining whether the new window relates to the automatic installation mode; and,

upon determining that the new window relates to the automatic installation mode, closing
the window.

5.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein initiating the automatic installation mode for
the device comprises calling a hardware re-enumeration routine of the operating system of the
computer.

6.   (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising, after instructing the user to connect
the device to the computer, waiting for the user to confirm that the device is connected to the
computer.

7.   (currently amended) A computer-readable medium having instructions stored thereon for
execution by a processor of a computer to perform a method comprising:

installing software on the computer for a device to be connected to the computer; and,

while installing the software on the computer,

detecting a new window;

determining whether the new window relates to an automatic installation mode for
the device initiated by an operating system of the computer;

upon determining that the new window relates to the automatic installation mode,
closing the window to exit the automatic installation mode, without user interaction,

wherein the new window is detected and closed faster than a user is capable of perceiving
the new window.

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8.   (original) The medium of claim 7, wherein determining whether the new window relates to the automatic installation mode comprises comparing an attribute associated with the new window to an attribute associated with the automatic installation mode.

9.   (original) The medium of claim 8, wherein comparing the attribute associated with the new window to the attribute associated with the automatic installation mode comprises comparing a string resource associated with the new window to a string resource associated with the automatic installation mode.

10.   (original) The medium of claim 7, further comprising, upon determining that the new window relates to the automatic installation mode, setting a flag.

11.   (original) The medium of claim 10, further comprising, after installing the software,
        in response to determining that the flag has been set, re-initiating the automatic installation mode for the device; and,
        otherwise, instructing a user to connect the device to the computer, to cause the operating system to initiate the automatic installation mode for the device.

12.   (original) The medium of claim 11, wherein re-initiating the automatic installation mode for the device comprises calling a hardware re-enumeration routine of the operating system.

13.   (currently amended) A point-of-sale device package comprising:
        a device to be connected to a computer via a connector of the device coupling to a corresponding connector of the computer; and,
        means for suppressing an automatic installation mode for the device initiated by an operating system of the computer, without user interaction, upon the device being connected to

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the computer prior to the software being completely installed, by detecting and closing a window

related to the automatic installation mode faster than a user is capable of perceiving the window.

14.   (original) The package of claim 13, wherein the device is selected from the group

essentially consisting of: a printer, a scanner, a multi-function device, and, a digital camera.

15.   (original) The package of claim 13, wherein the connector of the device is selected from

the group essentially consisting of: a Universal Serial Bus (USB) connector, and an IEEE-1394

connector.

16.-20. (cancelled)